

# MOVING FORWARD TO REACH YOUR DESTINY

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## THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

God has a plan for our lives and we can discover our destiny in Christ by making daily decisions in submission to His word through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### 1. The Difference Between FATE and DESTINY

- 1.1 **FATE** – is usually thought of as a predetermined course of events beyond human control.
- 1.2 **DESTINY** – God's plan and purpose for His children conceived long before we were born.

### 2. Difference between FATALISM and BIBLICAL FATALISM

- 2.1 **FATALISM** – is the belief that whatever happens, happen and there is nothing we can do about it; it is a passive acceptance or resignation to the events that may transpire. This is not biblical.
- 2.2 **BIBLICAL FATALISM** – is the belief that God is the sovereign ruler and that man has the free will to choose to submit to God's plan or not.

We were created with the ability to make moral choices and we are responsible for those choices. We are given the free will to choose whether or not to submit to His divine plan.

### 3. HOW DO WE DISCOVER OUR DESTINY?

- 3.1 **Have an understanding of what destiny is.** We cannot actualize what we do not know. We all have a role to find out our destinies (Phil 2:12).
- 3.2 **Have a responsibility to persevere in fulfilling our God-given destiny.** Christian service is one key to realize this destiny for our life. We ought to obey and serve God (Job 36:11).
- 3.3 **Have a commitment to walk in conformity with God's precept.** He has prescribed the right way to live and we are expected to follow through (Psalm 119:4-5).
- 3.4 **Have the ability and responsibility to make moral choices and decisions.** The purposes of our lives are written in God's word (Deuteronomy 30:18-19; Isaiah 14:27).
- 3.5 **God distributes His gifts according to His grace.** His blessing is not based on seniority or tradition but on His divine grace (Genesis 48:8-16).

3.6 **Destiny can be manipulated and stolen.** In the case of the twins Jacob and Esau, Jacob, the younger son of Isaac, deceitfully took his father's blessing which was intended for Esau (Gen 25:19-35).

3.7 **Destiny can be aborted.** In the Book of Esther Chapter 3, Haman sought to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the Jews but Queen Esther, who found favor from the king, was able to block the plan of Haman (Esther 7).

3.8 **Destiny can be exchanged.** In 1 Kings 3:16-28, two (2) mothers gave birth to a baby boy and one (1) of the babies died. The mother of the dead baby exchanged her son to the living one and claimed him as her own.

3.9 **Destiny can be delayed.** In Genesis 21:5, God's long-awaited promise to Abraham and Sarah was fulfilled with the birth of Isaac. Also in Joshua 1, God commissioned Joshua, who spent his entire career as the assistant of Moses, to be the new leader of Israel.

3.10 **Destiny can be ruined.** King Saul disobeyed the Lord's command and so he was rejected by God as king over Israel (1 Samuel 15:10-30).

3.11 **Destiny can be threatened by satan / sin.** King David's privileged position allowed him to conceal his evil plan from himself. His adultery with Bathsheba made him vulnerable to pride, self-indulgence and unaccountability. He tried to cover up his sin but he failed (2 Samuel 11).

### Conclusion:

Regardless of our situation, God has the best destiny for all of us. He has placed on each of our lives a unique purpose and calling, and He desires that we commit our lives for that very purpose. We can fulfil our destiny by trusting and obeying Him, and charting the course based on how He leads and orders our steps. We must choose to submit completely to His divine plan.

**Reflection:** What are the stumbling blocks that hinder you from moving forward towards your destiny road?

**Prayer:** *Lord, please guide us along the best pathway for our life. Grant us the grace to follow Your divine will and make wise choices which will become our ultimate destiny for a great future In Jesus' Name. AMEN!*